

**Amendment to the Abstract:**

Please replace the existing abstract with the following amended abstract:

**ABSTRACT**

A method is described for driving a gas discharge lamp (1), specifically a HID lamp, more specifically a metal halide lamp, most specifically a metal halide lamp with an aspect ratio larger than 3 or even 4. comprises supplying the lamp \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ The lamp is supplied with a commutating DC current having a duty cycle (D) and an average current intensity ( $I_{AV}$ ) at a certain electrical output power. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ The method further comprises the step of varying the average current intensity ( $I_{AV}$ ) and the electrical output power in order to vary the color temperature of the lamp.

\_\_\_\_\_ Preferably, In one embodiment, the average current intensity ( $I_{AV}$ ) is changed by changing the duty cycle (D), and the electrical output power is varied in relation to the average current intensity ( $I_{AV}$ ). The gas discharge lamp can comprise one of a HID lamp, a metal halide lamp, or a metal halide lamp with an aspect ratio larger than 3.

Fig. 2